

Request for Bids (SAMPLE ONLY)

Project Name: ABC Cedar Removal Project

Landowner Contact Information:

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Property location and directions: This project is located in _____ County, approx. 11 miles north and 4 miles east of (Town name), Nebraska, on the south side of the Niobrara River. (*Driving directions will appear here.*)

Legal description: Part of the SE ¼ of section 99, T99N, R99W

Number of acres to be treated: 32.1 acres in 4 cutting units.

Topography, accessibility, and description of vegetation: Three of the four units are located on flat terrain in the bottomland abutting the Niobrara River. Vegetation in two of these bottom units consists primarily of hardwoods with an eastern red cedar understory. The third bottom unit is a sandbar that has been overgrown with cedar. The fourth unit is a cedar-encroached meadow on a moderate slope. There are two access trails into the project. One is a moderately steep trail from the canyon rim; the other is a flat trail through the riparian area. All units are mostly machine-accessible; however, some chainsaw work will be necessary in a few steeper pockets within the meadow unit and on the bank adjacent to the river.

Project Boundary: Unit boundaries will be flagged except on the north side of the units adjacent to the river. The river forms the north boundary of these units.

Tree marking: Trees will not be marked.

Cutting Specifications

Timing Requirements: Cutting must take place between July 15 and April 1 only, due to requirements of the International Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Cutting is not permitted between April 1 and July 15.

Cutting Tree Species: Eastern red cedar only.

Cutting Brush Species: None

Cutting Sizes: All cedars with a minimum trunk diameter of 1 inch or a height of 2 feet or greater will be cut in all units.

Stumps: All trees must be cut at ground level. Pulling trees out of the ground or pushing trees over is prohibited.

Slash disposal: Unless the material is to be chipped, all slash must be piled when the trees are cut. Slash is to be piled in open areas away from other trees to avoid burning remaining trees when burning piles. Piles must be burned when conditions are safe to do so. This may require a return trip by the contractor when snow is on the ground. A burn permit for this must be obtained from the _____ County fire department prior to burning slash piles. The contract will require a percentage of funds to be held back until the slash is properly handled. The slash piles must be burned by **March 1, 20__**.

Fences: If fences or trails are damaged by the contractor, the contractor will repair them.

Soil and Vegetation Damage Mitigation: Work will be done only when the ground is dry or frozen, to ensure minimal rutting. Care will be taken not to injure residual trees.

Site Inspection for Prospective Bidders: Interested contractors are encouraged to inspect the site at ___ a.m./p.m., _____, 20___. The landowner will be on site to answer questions.

Bids: Bids must be by the unit. For contractors accustomed to submitting bids on an hourly or per acre basis, it is best to visit the site, estimate the number of hours each unit will require, and estimate the total cost. Please mail bids to the landowner at the address above.

Bid Due Date: Noon on _____, 20_____.